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To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish the National Resource Center for Grandparents.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 1993

Mr. HUGHES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Grandparent
5 Resource Center Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

7 Section 202 of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42
8 U.S.C. 3012) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
9 ing:

1 “(f)(1) The Commissioner shall make grants to, or
2 enter into contracts with, one eligible entity to establish
3 and operate the National Resource Center for Grand-
4 parents (in this subsection referred to as the ‘Center’) to
5 serve as a central source of information and assistance to
6 grandparents who—

7 “(A) raise their grandchildren;

8 “(B) encounter problems obtaining access to
9 their grandchildren for purposes of visitation; or

10 “(C) need financial, legal, emotional, or infor-
11 mational assistance regarding their relationship with
12 their grandchildren.

13 “(2) The Center shall—

14 “(A) be staffed by employees and volunteers, in-
15 cluding such grandparents;

16 “(B) provide a toll-free telephone number to in-
17 crease access to the information and assistance
18 available from the Center;

19 “(C) collect and make available to such grand-
20 parents information regarding programs, projects,
21 and activities of public and private entities (includ-
22 ing governmental entities) relating the matters de-
23 scribed in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of para-
24 graph (1), including information on State law re-

1 garding grandparent visitation and Federal assist-
2 ance available to such grandparents; and

3 “(D) refer individual grandparents to public
4 and private entities that provide information or as-
5 sistance regarding the rearing of grandchildren, in-
6 cluding information regarding the prevention of drug
7 abuse and the promotion of good health and nutri-
8 tion.

9 “(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘eligi-
10 ble entity’ means a nonprofit private organization with a
11 demonstrated record of experience in representing the con-
12 cerns of older individuals with respect to their relationship
13 to their grandchildren.”.

14 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 The amendment made by section 2 shall take effect
16 on the first day of the first fiscal year beginning after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act.

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